

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. An Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, indicated that new drawings are required, and rejected Claims 6-12, 18-24, and 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and allowed Claims 1-5, 13-17, and 25-29. By way of this Amendment, Applicants hereby cancel Claims 6-12, 18-24, and 30-36. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Drawings

The Office Action stated that the informal drawings are not of sufficient quality to permit examination and that new drawings are required in reply to this Office Action.

Applicants submit that formal drawings were filed at the time of filing as were indicated in the Notice of Allowance mailed May 7, 2003.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 6-12, 18-24, and 30-36 as being anticipated by Gremmert et al. Applicants hereby cancel Claims 6-12, 18-24, and 30-36, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

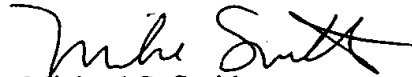
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request

withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the examiner has any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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